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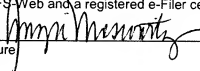
Title: MICRO FILTER DEVICE FOR  
AN IN-LINE FILTERING CONFIGURATION

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND § 1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

To better highlight the patentable differences between the above-referenced invention and prior art that is cited by Examiner in an Office Action marked "non-final" and dated June 19, 2007, Applicants hereby submit this "Amendment and Request for Reconsideration" for their above-referenced Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.121. In submitting this Amendment, Applicants respectfully aver that the Application, as herein amended, is in a condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully requested. At the present time, therefore, please amend the Application as hereinafter indicated.